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Girls join the tech challenge

■ A GROUP of girls from Maiden Beech School were the winners of the basic class of the Rotary Club Technology Tournament for schools in Crewkerne, Chard and Ilminster.

The Cracker Girls (Molly Daniel, Kaitlyn Carter, Molly Campbell and Megan Smith) are pictured with chief judge Bob Kirkwood, a former test pilot, now involved with the Fleet Air Arm Museum at Yeovilton - see page 10



CONCERT pianist Anita D'Attellis put on a virtuoso performance to round off the Young People's Music Festival at Henhayes

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DAVID LAWS MP for Yeovil Constituency Advice Centres

Saturday 10th November

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Friday 16th November

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CONTEMPORARY artist Sue Gunn moved to Chard with her two daughters in May and is keen to become an active member of the community and network with other local artists.

On hearing about the Town Team and their efforts to bring more life back into the town centre she immediately wanted to contact them about pop-up shops and art workshops.

Sue trained as an architect and won design awards before her children came along but found herself working onsite more and more, drifting into interiors.

She became involved in theatre set design and backdrop painting and a love of painting on large canvases was born. With a colourful abstract landscape style, Sue has worked on private commissions and murals and has taught at schools and workshops.

With her children at school she is enjoying more time to paint in between her part time job at a nursery and had a successful exhibition in January in Bath. Her next one will run for two months in Langport starting on November 10th at the Great Bow Gallery.

● WHERE do you draw your inspiration from?

I absorb from where I am and what I see. I like lots of different styles of art and architecture and the landscapes here are so gorgeous, I love going out and walking and taking lots of photographs.

● WHAT is the best thing about exhibiting?

The thing I love about abstract is everyone sees something different and people's responses are very interesting. This is the first time I've had all my work in one space in years and you either like it or you don't. A lovely thing happened in January, it was cold and snowy and this woman opened the door to the exhibition hall and just said 'wow, how warm and lovely', then she stepped back, shut the door and opened it again to get the same reaction.

● DO you have a favourite artist?

Now that would be too hard. I love the colour theory of Kandinsky, the pallet of Derrain, perspective and viewpoint of Escher, architecture of Gaudi and illustration of Aubrey Beardsley.

● WHAT would be your ultimate dream?

To have a patch of land where I could build my cob designed studios, filled with all the work I love and a big shed for the kids.

● IF you could time travel where would you go?

I'm very nosy so I'd like to be at different points in time when key things were made; like the monumental cathedrals, I'd love to see how they put the corners together on those big vaulted ceilings. I know the theory but I'd like to be there when they built it. And when you know the painting on the wall had a story behind it, to be in the studio and get the full story would be very interesting.



● WHAT else do you like to do?

The girl and I love museum hunting, like here in Chard, it looks so tiny from the front but there is so much in there. There is almost a story to be seen in how the things were put together, you go to the natural history museum and there is a cabinet full of teeny tiny things and then you look up and there's a dirty great bear perched on top. I like taking photos of the girls with their noses up against the glass cases, from the other side.

● DO you have any hobbies?

I love swimming and have taught it for years, I can play the oboe but haven't done for years. If you have any spare time in life after children, it's amazing.

● WHAT would you want on your desert island?

A never ending supply of paint, brushes and canvas and coffee, I can't live without coffee.

● DO you have any unfulfilled ambitions?

I'd love to go travelling to see some of the great work that I love, I lived in Germany for a while as part of my University course and I'd love to go back to the Italian museums and Florence.

● DO you prefer working on big canvases?

I go through phases when I work larger and then I work really fast, but smaller ones are more commercial. I have had some grand galleries tell me they like my work but wouldn't take it because it was too cheap! Art is not exclusive, it's important that it be affordable, I'm practical and want to make money but some people are too precious about art, it should be a normal part of life and if you are an artist, that's who you are, it's like breathing.

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'The system stinks' says angry resident over planning decision

CREWKERNE resident Anthony Hall has spoken out against the decision by South Somerset District Council Area West committee to grant planning permission for change of use from a commercial premises into a takeaway, at the bottom of East Street.

The decision was against the recommendation of Crewkerne Town Council.

Mr Hall, a past president of Chard and District Chamber of

By Marion Draper

Trade and Commerce said, in a letter to the **Weekender**: "I wish to express my anger, frustration and disgust in the way that this planning permission has been granted."

"The people of Crewkerne have elected their councillors who are empowered to make decisions on our behalf and, hope-

fully, for the benefit of the whole town. They made the decision, on our behalf, to refuse planning permission for the change of use at 1-3 East Street.

"The unelected, self-appointed, non-representative quango that is the Area West Committee have overruled our councillors yet again. That cannot be

right and is certainly not indicative of the democratic process.

"This is a parochial matter, it has nothing to do with the western area as a whole and the decision of our elected councillors should be respected.

"Our local MP has, on previous occasions, informed me that he cannot become involved in planning matters, well what use

is he then if he cannot speak up for the will of the people, voiced through our elected representatives?

"We have the temerity to criticise other Governments on the way they run their countries and yet we behave in this disgraceful, undemocratic manner. To put it crudely - the system stinks!"

In reply, Councillor Angie Singleton, chairman of Area West said: "All members of the Area West Committee are elected SSDC councillors and are certainly not 'self-appointed'. The members of this committee are drawn from and represent the people living in the western part of South Somerset.

"The members, who have all attended compulsory training on planning, reached their decision after listening to the officer's re-

port and reading the reports from highways and the environmental protection officer and on viewing the plans and evidence of parking availability.

"Members' opinion was that the main concerns of the town council were of a parking enforcement nature and, as such, are not a planning reason for refusal. The air extraction concerns raised have also been dealt with satisfactorily and so the application could not be refused on that basis either. On that basis members agreed with the officer recommendation for approval as there were no planning reasons to refuse the application.

"Planning is a quasi-judicial process and the committee has to have regard to material considerations and the policies that relate to the application.

The committee would need to have robust planning reasons to overturn an officer's recommendation of either approval or refusal sufficient to defend any refusal should that be the subject of an appeal.

"If there were no strong grounds to justify any refusal to grant permission then the council could be seen to have acted unreasonably and there could be a considerable cost to the taxpayer, should the inspector award costs to the other side on that basis.

"Whilst I understand that people may be unhappy with the outcome it is incorrect to suggest that the decision was undemocratic. The decision was taken the same way as every other planning decision that affects the communities I and other members of the Area West Committee represent."



■ FIFTH TIME AROUND: Crewkerne Rotarians Dick Lane, Tim Spilsbury, Ron Spencer, Inner Wheel President Jean Lane, Crewkerne Rotary President Derek Phoenix, Rotarian John Whitfield and district representative Robin Heyd-Smith at the opening of the Christmas shop

Christmas shop pops up for fifth time

SHOPPERS were queuing to be the first through the doors of the annual pop-up shop run by the Crewkerne Rotarians and Inner Wheel which, this year, has gone into the recently vacated shoe shop in Market Street.

It is a large area but there were still plenty of quality used and nearly new items ranging from small electrical appliances to pictures, toys, homewares and books and the team had their first sale within minutes.

The shop has been very well supported by the community since it first popped up five years ago and, as usual, will just be open during the run up to Christmas and New Year, with proceeds being put back into local good causes within the community and Rotary charities.

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Virtuoso performance

CONCERT pianist Anita D'Attellis treated the audience at the Henhayes Centre, in Crewkerne, to an evening of music by composers from around Europe.

The concert was opened by the winners of the Young People's Music Festival held the previous Friday, who were Blythe Collins aged seven, Violette Pepper aged 14 and Luca Sadler, 15, who once again received warm appreciation from the audience.

Mr Spinney said: "The concert was a wonderful evening and Anita gave a virtuoso performance of the music of well known composers such as Rachmaninoff, Schubert and Chopin, which was very well received and was a wonderful finale to the Young People's Music Festival.

She has promised to return to the venue next year.

The recital was opened by the three finalists from the previous Friday; Blythe played a study by Czerny with amazing aplomb, Violette followed with Mozart's fantasia in D minor and finally, playing guitar and singing, Luca received rapturous applause when he played Elton John's Rocket Man.

The organisers would like to thank everyone for their fantastic support for the music festival which has really put the Henhayes Centre on the map as music venue for all ages.

Learning about autism

HELEN BROWN, Somerset Branch Officer for the National Autistic Society, will be in Crewkerne to give a short talk on autism.

Mrs Brown has great personal experience of the condition, with two of her own children being diagnosed on the autism spectrum. She will be drawing on this experience in her talk and is keen to encourage people in the wider community in being able to understand and to support those who are autistic.

The talk takes place at Crewkerne Baptist Church in North Street on Thursday afternoon, November 8th, from 2.30pm.

Any one from the community is invited to attend to hear more about this cause, and to ask questions. After the talk, there will be a free tea provided. For any further details, contact 01460 271036 or pastor@cmbaptist.co.uk.

Community keep town clean

By Marion Draper

MEMBERS of the public joined organisations, and town councillors in Crewkerne last Sunday morning to stage a litter pick campaign.

The plan was to get the town looking its best for the highly popular lighting up and late night shopping event which will be on Friday, November 30th, this year.

The litter pickers, led by district councillor Angie Singleton, included members of the Crewkerne Area Business Chamber, councillors, members of ABCD (A Better Crewkerne & District) and volunteer residents.

The district council provided all the tools necessary, including hi-vis jackets and the enthusiastic helpers set out in teams to clear weeds and litter, warming to their task as the sun came out, and the results spoke for themselves.

The organisers hope to continue the efforts throughout the year, and the next date will be advertised shortly.

For more information contact Angie Singleton on 01460 74846 or The Vintage Shoppe 01460 76965.



■ **HELP US CLEAN UP CREWKERNE: Councillors, ABCD members and residents volunteer litter pickers on a Sunday**

Hedgehog, kestrel and corn snake fascinate children



■ **OOH IT'S PRICKLY: Holly class from Ashlands and Debbie O'Keefe of Secret World**

WIDE-EYED onlookers both young and old were treated to an up close experience at the Henhayes Centre with animals they may have only seen at a distance or on television before.

The Tuesday Group and Hazel class from Ashlands First School, gathered together for an educational visit by Secret World Wildlife Rescue Centre.

Among the special visitors was a hedgehog, and wildlife rescuer Debbie O'Keefe took the prickly bundle around the room safely supported in a towel, while she explained why the now rare creatures may well be extinct in the next ten years due to loss of habitat.

Everyone was given some very sound advice on how to help a hedgehog of one was seen out during the winter when it was supposed to be sleeping.

With bonfire night just around the cor-

ner the children were also told to check any piles of leaves and sticks before they were lit in case a hedgehog had made its bed there.

Another creature to draw gasps from the onlookers, was a rescued kestrel called Tinnan which had been hand reared so they were unable to return it to the wild.

Not so welcome to some was a corn snake, not native to this country but a harmless variety used as a teaching aid to show how snakes are not slimy. There were still a few not prepared to find out but most of the youngsters displayed calm and natural curiosity, fascinated by the snake's tongue.

The children had brought some food to donate to the centre which rescues over 4,000 wild animals a year and needs £1,600 per day to stay open.

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Young people impress Olympic medallist

By Marion Draper

PETER Wilson, gold medallist double trap shooter at the London 2012 Games, was an inspiration to everyone when he told his personal story at the South Somerset District Council Gold Star Awards, which took place at the Octagon Theatre on Tuesday.

He had been in the audience to watch the wealth of young talent demonstrated on stage before joining the presenters to hand out the Oscar style awards, which honour the work of the unsung heroes who volunteer with young people. He was also generous in allowing the recipients to be photographed with his own piece of gold which added to the pride they felt in their achievements.

The gold medallist joined the Community Health & Leisure Team and more than 500 guests at the event which was in its fifth year and bigger and better than ever as it also incorporated achievements made in the fields of sport and the arts.

The sporting hero spoke of the importance of his own mentors on his six year journey to Olympic status and said: "I was very keen to help out with the Gold Star awards as it is important to recognise the hard work that volunteers working with young people put in every day. It was great to have the opportunity to give something back to these unsung heroes."

Addressing the audience he said: "If you have a dream please pursue it, at least as far as you can and then you can say I did my very best whatever happens happens."

Steve Barnes, the young people's officer at South Somerset District Council said: "So many people put in hours of their own time to help young people in South Somerset and the Gold Star Awards celebrates the incredible work that they do. It also seems fitting and appropriate that

we recognise sporting achievement in this amazing summer of sport.

"We handed out twelve awards on the night but there are so many unsung heroes that I wish we could reward them all."

Chard Mayor Cathie Morrison was bursting with pride for her town which had a triple pat on the back at the awards. Sports Coach of the Year went to Brandon Ellis of 1st Chard Wheelers; Senior Sports Performer of the Year was Weibke Rietz also of the 1st Chard Wheelers and the youth club Active Skills & Learning, started by Pete May and led by youth for youth in Chard, Crewkerne, Ilminster and South Petherton, took home the Young People's Project of the Year.

Brandon Ellis joined the cycling club nine years ago and has helped to grow the membership from 12 to over 130 and 25 per cent of their members are young people. He also secured a £10,000 grant for the club to deliver cycling to young people. As a result of his dedication Chard now has the region's only elite woman rider and the schools Under 13 champion.

Weibke Rietz is the aforementioned only elite ranked woman cyclist in the South West this year and one of only 17 elite ranked women riders in the UK. She is ranked just one place behind Nicole Cooke, the 2008 Olympic gold medallist, and has amassed 10 individual race wins this year. Unbelievably she only began racing three years ago and is one of only two elite women riders over 40. She holds a full time job and also puts in time as the race organiser and club secretary for 1st Chard Wheelers.

Active Skills & Learning was formed in 2008 as a not-for-profit company. Since then they have sup-



■ **BLING MEETS BLING:** Chairman of SSDC Mike Best, Olympic Gold Medallist Peter Wilson and Chard Mayor Cathie Morrison

ported over 200 young people in providing a range of youth clubs for seven to 19 year olds in South Petherton, Chard, Ilminster and Crewkerne.

Central to their success are young volunteers helping to manage and deliver services. Over 100 young people aged between 11-23 have helped to deliver 14 different weekly sessions, special events and holiday activities in the last year. Services have included provision for new groups and replacements for services lost to public spending cuts. On average more than 200 volunteering hours per

week are provided. These young people are excellent role models.

Executive Director Pete May said: "I'm really pleased they have come a long way. Two years ago five of the volunteers from South Petherton won the volunteers group category. There are 60-70 volunteers now and 25 of them have taken a food safety course in their own time. We are going to open a new café for teenagers in the George Reynolds Centre in Crewkerne."

Orchard Gymnastics, run by husband and wife team Barry and Karen Phelan

from South Petherton, was named Sports Club of the Year and they opened the evening with a spectacular display reminiscent of the Olympic ceremony, causing gasps from the VIP section of the audience.

The club formed in 2008 and now has a membership in excess of 500. They have worked in partnership with organisations including British Gymnastics and Yeovil Primary School Sports Association to increase participation in their sport throughout the district.



■ **SPORTS CLUB OF THE YEAR:** Members of the Orchards Gymnastics Club



■ **WHEELERS OF FORTUNE:** Weibke Rietz and Brandon Ellis of 1st Chard Wheelers with a very proud mayor of Chard Councillor Cathie Morrison



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Plant staff are pink heroes

EAGLE Plant hire staff in Chard had a successful week supporting Breast Cancer Campaign charity Wear it Pink by running a raffle, sweepstake and taking donations for muffins throughout the week.

The guys dressed for the occasion last Friday which had been dubbed with a pink super hero theme this year.

Organiser Sophie Storey said that all the branches of the company were taking part and theirs had raised about £200.

She commented: "The boys in the workshop really embraced it and were planning their outfits all week. I have been so impressed with local businesses who all said 'yes' to donating raffle prizes. These included Razooks, Han-

nah May Hairdressers, Lordleaze Hotel, The Gallery, Pure Beauty, Serenity, Hornsbury Mill, Barleymow Farm Shop, Phoenix Hotel, The Book Clubs and many more."

The Breast Cancer Campaign is a unique community of scientists, supporters and people touched by breast cancer.

Wear it pink is part of the charity's focus on Pink Science - a pioneering approach to breast cancer research that funds projects with the greatest potential to save and improve lives, and ultimately find a cure.

■ **PROUD TO BE PINK: James Hudd, Adam Kelly, Mark Witworth, Pete Mustchin, Helen Wright, Sophie Storey.**



Alleged sexual assault in Chard's Redstart Park

DETECTIVES investigating an alleged sexual assault in Chard are appealing to the public for information.

This follows an incident on the night of the Chard Carnival - Saturday, October 13th.

Sometime between 11.30pm and 1am a teenager was sexually assaulted in Redstart Park.

A 16-year-old has been arrested and bailed in relation to the matter.

Officers investigating this incident are keen to speak to anyone who may have been in the park at the time, particularly a dog walker who was wearing dark clothing and carrying a torch.

Anyone with information is asked to call Detective Constable Cat King on 101 quoting crime reference 112570/12. Alternatively call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 who trace your call.



■ **JOINING IN THE FUN:** Chard NNI Clare House children in carnival mood

Nursery stage their own carnival parade

CHARD NNI Clare House staff decided to hold their own mini carnival procession around Jocelyn Park and dressed up along with children from the nursery for their colourful parade on a rather dull day.

Centre manager Simon Pickard said the pre-schoolers had really enjoyed the carnival and they encouraged their interest in the local tradition. He hoped to make the parade an annual event but they were also looking into the possibility of entering the official children's carnival.

It was part of a wider plan to get the centre more involved with the community, something actively encouraged by Ofsted, and there were already plans to mark Children in Need and, thanks to some research with Chard Museum, a special anniversary of Stringfellow in December.

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VAUGHAN Lee House, the Residential Care Home built by the community of Ilminster, have put on sale Christmas cards made from paintings by the late Ernie Skinner in order to raise money for their residents' fund, which pays for extra activities and treats.

Mr Skinner, who died in March had lived in Ashill and Ilminster most of his life, after being evacuated from London to Donyatt as a child in World War 2.

At 80, he was a very popular and much loved resident of Vaughan Lee House, singing and entertaining the other residents and staff.

He learned to paint left handed following a stroke 25 years previously. Mr Skinner had been determined to finish his paintings for the Christmas cards and for them to be used to raise money for the home as a thank you for the wonderful care he had received.

The cards come in



■ **LIFE AND SOUL:** The late Ernie Skinner who loved Ilminster

three different Christmas designs and are A5 in size. They cost £1 each or six for £5 and are available at Vaughan Lee House, Orchard Vale, Ilminster.

■ **ONE OF THREE:** One of the three Christmas cards painted by the late Ernie Skinner



An apple a day in Seavington

SEAVINGTON Shop and Cafe was filled with apple day activities on Friday.

Village tree warden Ry Coffman demonstrated how to make apple juice, giving eager customers samples of the freshly made delight which prompted discussions including the pros and cons of using different varieties and how to keep home-made juice.

Several customers had a go at beating the National Apple Day record for the longest apple peel (which is over 37 feet!) The Seavington winner was shop volunteer Pauline Woodward with 2.16 metres (about 7feet) which everyone considered a valiant effort. Local food and drinks producers Sally Anns Cake, Sausage Shed Sausages, Burrow Hill and Perry's Cider, provided samples of apple based products to taste whilst the cafe put on a special menu featuring apples and delicious home-made apple pies.

Those with an artistic bent were able to print greetings cards, using apples to print with, and several marvellous designs were created much to the



■ **FRUITY PRINTS:** Anna Meecham, Eve Meecham and Jorja Doble

surprise of the makers. The shop was decorated with apples and apple bunting and a display of 20 varieties of the fruit welcomed customers as they walked in.

Shoppers who stayed for afternoon tea were treated to a selection of readings by local poet and broadcaster James Crowden,

who read from his books Ciderland and Cider: the forgotten Miracle.

In the evening Julian Temperley gave an interesting and amusing tale about the revival of cider distilling in Somerset, which was well attended and raised almost £300 towards organiser and local food champion Jo Mills'

fundraising efforts to enable the completion of the partitioning between the shop and the cafe. She commented: "Thanks are due to those who helped to make the day a success and to James and Julian who generously gave their time. It was a great success, engaging customers of all ages."

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Come along and shop at any of the participating businesses in Ilminster on Tuesday 6th November and fill in a draw ticket to enter the competition for your chance to win a meat hamper from Award Winning Butchers Bonners of Ilminster.

This month we are welcoming Ilminster Home Hardware to Silver Street and wish Phillip and Kate all the best.

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Olympic torch bearer to start Lions 10k race

THIS year's Ilminster Lions Charity 10k takes place on Sunday (November 4th) and will be started by Tonia White one of the Olympic torch bearers who came through Ilminster in May this year.

She was nominated to run with the torch by her workplace for her commitment to the environment and community and has already made a return visit to lead the carnival procession.

She said: "I am looking forward to coming back to Ilminster. I really enjoyed my visit back in May and the great reception we torch bearers got from the local community. I am delighted to help Ilminster Lions with their race."

The race is the culmination of the efforts of a small number of members and has been a serious operation; starting back in January with obtaining a UK athletic permit, advising police and South Somerset District Council about the event, booking the registration centre, organising road closures, contacting trophy sponsors and raising funding for the purchase of race numbers and medals.

Club President Peter Marshall said: "Modern technology has made the task of keeping in touch with runners much easier. Ideally we want as many runners as possible registered in advance as this makes things go more smoothly on race day. It is very pleasing to see how many of last and previous year's runners are entering this year. Not only have we

used our website, we have ventured into the world of Facebook to publicise the event, have a look at www.facebook.com/ilminsterlionsclub.

Peter added "We rely on so many people to make the race happen and I am pleased to say that the Lions, get a lot of enthusiastic help. I am also very pleased by the fact that many of the runners have taken part several times and keep coming back for another go. We must be doing something right!"

The race which starts at 10.30 am from the Market Square in Ilminster attracts runners of all abilities from all over the south west and further afield.

The route takes runners through undulating scenic country out of Ilminster via Kingstone to Dowlish Wake, along Chard Lane then north along to Cricket Lane before turning at 8k on Greenway back to Ilminster.

Everyone is welcome to enter it is not too late by turning up on the day itself. Entry forms can be downloaded from the Lions web site, www.ilminsterlionsclub.co.uk. The race is open to men and women from aged 16 to 60 plus. Entry fees for Affiliated Club Members are £8, and for unaffiliated £10 with a £1 surcharge applying to all entries on the day.

The Lions recommend allowing a minimum of 45 minutes for registering, getting changed, warming up and then getting to the starting line before 10.30am.

Shoebox appeal looking for volunteers

DISTRICT Co-ordinator Pamela Hodge is pleased to announce that the local effort for Operation Christmas Child has secured a warehouse in Chard for this year's Shoebox Appeal.

An induction day has been arranged for all helpers, old and new, on Thursday, November 8th at 11am

Anyone who can help in any way is asked to go along and you will be welcomed. If you cannot make that date, the first day of processing will be Tuesday, November 13th, and volunteers will still be welcome after that date.

The warehouse will also be a drop off point, for filled shoeboxes or do-

nated fillers, on weekdays between Tuesday November 13th and Friday November 30th from 10am to 3pm.

Putting other people first comes naturally to residents of Snowdon House Extra Care scheme in Chard, particularly approaching Christmastime when there is no end to their generosity and they have already been busy getting their shoe boxes ready for the appeal.

The boxes have been packed with gifts given by the residents and their families, for boys and girls between two and 14 years, and include toys, clothing and educational items.

Yarlington Scheme Manager Angela Walsh said:



■ GETTING READY: Residents of Snowdon House fill their shoeboxes

"We all had great fun filling these boxes, the season of goodwill has come early to Snowdon House, and they clearly all get pleasure out of helping

others in this way." Volunteers wishing to attend the induction day for the Shoebox Appeal on November 8th should go to Unit 2A, Millfield In-

dustrial Estate, Chard, Somerset TA20 2BB for 11am. For more information please call Pamela on 01460 65149.

■ MERRIOTT Bowling Club held their annual awards presentation dinner at the George Hotel in Crewkerne on Saturday October 27th.

The winners were: Men's Championship - Ryan Self; Ladies Championship - Ann Truscott; Men's Two Woods - Nick Whitfield; Ladies Two Woods - Ann Truscott; Handicap Trophy - Chris Truscott; Les Adams Trophy - Jean Crisp; Veteran's Trophy - Mike Dandridge; Partners Trophy - Carole and John Parsons; Two Wood Pairs - Avril Peters and Alf Davies; Four Wood Pairs - Dave Baker and Nick Whitfield.



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Students try out Rotary's technical challenge

SOME 83 students from schools across South Somerset took part in a Technology Tournament hosted by the members of Chard, Crewkerne and Ilminster Rotary Clubs.

Children from Maiden Beech Academy and Wadham School in Crewkerne, Swanmead Chool in Ilminster and Holyrood Academy in Chard took part in the tournament, now a regular event designed by the Rotary Clubs to encourage interest in technology.

Teams of four students

Marion Draper

at either basic, intermediate or advanced level were given a project to work on which was then tested and judged. This year there were six basic teams from Maiden Beech; six intermediate teams and one advanced team from Wadham; four basic teams and one advanced team from Swanmead; and one basic, one intermediate and one advanced team from Holyrood, which was taking part for the first time.

The challenge was to produce a device from materials supplied which would enable a radioactive container, which had fallen off a lorry, to be moved to safety, always keeping it at a safe distance. The containers were represented by tennis balls supplied by Chard Tennis Club.

The students had to draw a design then build their device. They were then judged on the preparation and how ac-

curately it performed the required task.

The winners were: Basic - Maiden Beech "Cracker Girls" (Molly Daniel, Kaitlyn Carter, Molly Campbell, Megan Smith); Intermediate - Holyrood "One Down" (Jamie Bignall, Emily Dyer, Tanisha Rowsell); Advanced - Holyrood "The Almighty Haggis" (Jamie Spiller, Kieran Spurway, Amy Raymond, Scott Small).

Judges included representatives from local industry and, in particular, Cronite Castings Limited and Hannifin Parker Corporation, both based in Crewkerne. Chief judge was Bob Kirkwood, a former test pilot now involved with the Fleet Air Arm Museum at Yeovilton.

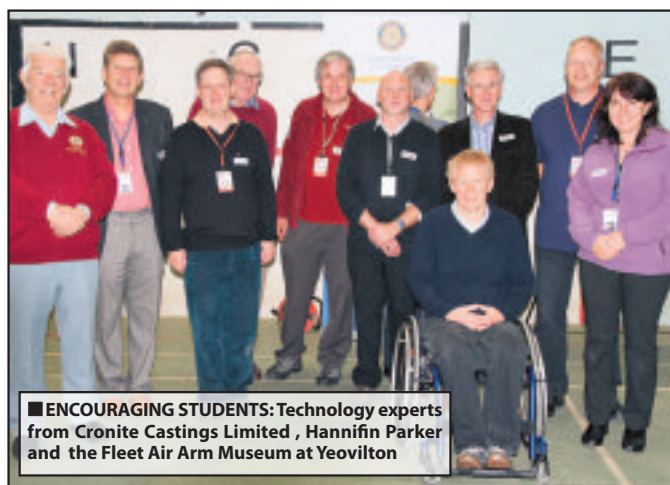
The event finished ahead of schedule and the Rotarians were concerned they had made the task too easy but teacher feedback suggested it was only a little easy to the advanced students. The students were asked to fill out a questionnaire and 93 per cent said they would like to do it again next year which confirmed the overall success of the event.



■ INTERMEDIATE WINNERS: Bob Kirkwood with One Down (Jamie Bignall, Emily Dyer, Tanisha Rowsell)



■ EASY DOES IT: Holyrood students test their device



■ ENCOURAGING STUDENTS: Technology experts from Cronite Castings Limited, Hannifin Parker and the Fleet Air Arm Museum at Yeovilton



■ ADVANCED WINNERS: Bob Kirkwood with The Almighty Haggis (Jamie Spiller, Kieran Spurway, Amy Raymond, Scott Small)

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Keeping the tradition of punkie night alive

THE age-old tradition of walking through the village of Hinton St George and chanting with lighted punkie lanterns was once again celebrated last week.

Because of its close proximity to Halloween there are still many who do not realise the tradition has no connection with trick-or-treating and actually stems from a tale of a group of wives and children who went to seek out the men in

their family who were making their way back from a fair in Chiselborough in the dark, worse for wear from a pint or two. The women followed out punkies, the root mangel wurzel, and made them into lanterns.

The event is now more for children and Hinton St George villagers have held fiercely to the tradi-

tion over the years, gaining a great deal of media coverage in the past. So popular is the event that a local farmer grows the roots especially for punkie night, with others making their lanterns from pumpkins and squashes.

There were no television cameras this year but that did not deter the youngsters keen to

keep punkie night alive. Poulett Arms landlady Michelle Payton had an tough job in choosing three winners from the entrants.

After their tour of the villages, everyone enjoyed fun and refreshments back at the village hall and overall best punkie judging took place.

Crewkerne-born author Henry Buckton refers to the punkies in his latest book "Yesterday's Country Customs", which looks at old English traditions.

He wrote that the name punkie could either come from the old English for lantern or from "spunky", which people on the Somerset Levels used to refer to balls of light that rose up from the marshes, also known as "Will-o-the-wisps" and believed to be the souls of children who died before christening, doomed to wander the moors until judgement day.

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■ PUNKIE NIGHT: Pictured top left, Eddie Blades, with Harry and Sophie Lukins and, top, Finn and James Treacher with their mangel wurzel punkies. Above, four-year-old Lola Mobley with a squash lantern enjoying her third year of punkie night. Above right, village winners Finn Treacher, Jack Pelham and Ruby Crossland were chosen by publican Michelle Payton. Right, Tessa and Arthur Lean with their mum

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Stalls are set to include beautifully made soft furnishings by Rosemarie Hearn, desirable home wares by Suzanne Clarke, vibrant knitwear

by Helen Walker, artisan pottery by Liz Green, woodcraft by Mike Webb, adorable children's knitwear by Enid Hawes, and handmade cards for every occasion by Ali Tanner. There will also be a range of bespoke and original jewellery by local makers Susan Mercer, Cassia Hutchings, and Angela Cooper, and decorative

crafts by Dot Ims. Foodies will delight in the award-winning cakes and hampers by Cedric's of Misterton, and produce from Oxenford Farm in Dowlish Wake.

The markets at Ilminster Arts Centre are a great way to support local craft makers and food producers, and are a good place to find an unusual gift.

On Saturday's the galleries and Craft Shop are open 9.30am-2.30pm and our Café 10am-2pm, making Ilminster Arts Centre the perfect place to relax and enjoy a leisurely Saturday.

The next market will take place on December 1st. If you are interested in having a stall next year call 01460 55783.

New director brings an award winning play to South Petherton

NEW member to the South Petherton Combined arts society drama group Ceila Crookes brings the award winning play "The Memory of Water" by Shelagh Stephenson to the David Hall from November 21st to the 24th. The winner of the 2000 Olivier "best comedy" it is a story of three sister retuning to the family home on the eve of their mothers funeral and how they all remember their childhoods in different ways, which makes for laughter and tears. Come along for what will be a very funny and touching evening.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets and be bought from N & D News South Petherton and the David Hall 01460 240340 or

boxoffice@thedavidhall.org.uk



The cast of 'The Memory of Water'

Cantamus choir announces its Advent series of concerts

LOCAL choir Cantamus will perform three concerts during the forthcoming Advent season.

Cantamus was established earlier this year and has already given two successful series of concerts, one at Easter and one during the summer. Its members – most of whom live in Bridport, Lyme Regis or the surrounding villages – are like-minded singers who enjoy performing choral music to a high standard and are brave enough to attempt unfamiliar works.

The Advent concerts will include a wide range of carols, from medieval works in English, Latin and Catalan to examples of the very best modern writing. "I like to base a programme around music that has stood the test of time, adding some newer pieces for variety," says Musical Director Malcolm Knowles. "There will be works that the audience will recognise – the jolly medieval carol 'Gaudete' and the traditional 'Sans Day Carol' – as well as some they probably won't have heard before, such as the 'Echo Carol' by John Steel. We're also doing the 'Corpus Christi Carol' by one of our tenors, Matt Kingston, and three lovely pieces by Richard Lloyd, a contemporary composer with a local connection – he mar-

ried the daughter of the vicar of Loders. I hope our listeners will approve of our choices."

The Cantamus Choir will perform at St Candida & Holy Cross, Whitchurch Canonicorum on Saturday November 24th at 7.30pm (tickets £8); The Chapel, Forde Abbey, Chard on Wednesday, November 28th at 7.30pm (tickets £10); and United Church, East Street, Bridport on Sunday, December 9th at 6pm.

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The Tea Tree win first prize for 'Best Dressed Window'

THE Tea Tree in Ilminster won first prize in the 'Best Dressed Window' competition for Ilminster's Carnival due to the talents of one employee.

Every year Ilminster Carnival Committee runs a themed window competition that runs in conjunction with Ilminster Carnival. The Committee encourages local businesses to take part. The Tea Tree has taken part every year since it opened just over two years ago. This year The Tea Tree by the artistic ef-

forts of employee Robert Baker won first prize for 'Best Dressed Window' and was awarded the cup and certificate last Saturday.

"Being a tea shop and not a retail premises we struggle to dress our window unlike many other businesses in town. That is why when Robert and I discussed what we could do for the competition we knew we had to do something completely different, something that Ilminster has never seen before" said Sarah O'Sullivan the owner of The Tea Tree.

The result was a hand drawn mural of Ilminster's 2012 Carnival painted directly onto the shops window. The mural depicts many local sites along the carnival route such as the Minster, the Market Square, Greenfylde Schools and of course The Tea Tree itself.

Robert Baker said "The hardest thing was to sketch out the detail of the buildings in reverse so that they appear the correct way round when you look at the window from outside the shop". The mural took Robert just over a week to complete as he worked on it between serving customers in the shop.

It has proved so popular with passersby and customers that rather than clearing it off the window now that the carnival is over Robert has adapted it to depict a Halloween theme for the next few weeks. Robert is already working on ideas for a Christmas themed mural in time for Victorian Evening on the 23rd November, where The Tea Tree will be open for late night shoppers providing a warm Victorian themed menu of Winter Vegetable Broth, Game Casserole, Root Vegetable Pie, Sugared Plum and Sloe Gin Cobbler as well as festive hot drinks and more.

"We're thinking that the mural might even roll over until Easter. But we are already thinking of how we can top the idea for Carnival Night next year - it's going to be a tall order" said Sarah.



Robert Baker with the first prize

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9. Only a personal impression, but admissible as evidence (11)
11. Fundamental shifting in cargo (7)
12. Exort in precise fashion (5)
13. Set out and consumed what's left (6)
15. He won't buy the same article twice (6)
17. Take slight action (5)
18. Having poor taste (7)
20. Cautiously asking why the plumbing is wrong (8,5)
22. Ivan has a novel need for this garden tool (3)
23. Women tend to alter a permanent income (9)

Down

2. Runner begins skillfully (3)
3. It's for putting on colour (5)
4. Have prospects? (6)
5. Salary? Spend it for a change! (7)
6. Finishes - a sentence, perhaps (4,1,4,2)
7. Trade died perhaps, if workers were so weary! (4,5)
10. Late lenders? (5,6)
11. Give short change, it's a mistake of sorts (9)
14. A monkish uppercut? (7)
16. Noted and objected (6)
19. Wines blended for strength (5)
21. Run around the vessel (3)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Not hurt (9)
8. Watch (3)
9. Hopeful (11)
11. Gather (7)
12. Exhaust (5)
13. Fairness (6)
15. Feast (8)
17. Comprehend (5)
18. Concocted person (7)
20. Fickleness (11)
22. Fuss (3)
23. Distracted (9)

Down

2. Woman in religious order (3)
3. Sharp (5)
4. Cordial (6)
5. Lesson (7)
6. Disgrace (11)
7. Contingent (9)
10. Estimate (11)
11. Parson (9)
14. Characteristic (7)
16. Flag (6)
19. Extravagant (5)
21. In able (3)



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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 3 Lost heart; 8 Echo; 9 Sap- phires; 10 Parson; 11 Asset; 14 Races; 15 Saps; 16 Aries; 18 Tier; 20 Clear; 21 Reams; 24 Martin; 25 Paper clip; 26 Scum; 27 Still wine. Down: 1 Temperate; 2 Character; 4 Oran; 5 Tapes; 6 Ex-iles; 7 Reast; 9 Sousa; 11 Amish; 12 Take stock; 13 Astronomy; 17 Scrap; 19 Reveal; 22 Macaw; 23 Fast; 24 Mien, QUICK - Across: 3 Constable; 8 Oven; 9 Associate; 10 Profit; 11 Glean; 14 Total; 15 Leer; 16 Exits; 18 None; 20 Tells; 21 Growl; 24 Single; 25 Constrain; 26 Once; 27 Imprudent. Down: 1 Competent; 2 Revolting; 4 Oust; 5 Stool; 6 Animal; 7 Late; 9 Aisle; 11 Grill; 12 Negligent; 13 Prospered; 17 Stain; 19 Eraser; 22 World; 23 Form; 24 Sign.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

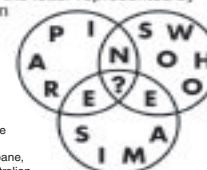
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October 12th

9	1	8	7	2	5	3	4	6
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2	8	3	9	1	7	4	6	5
4	5	9	2	6	8	1	7	3
7	6	1	3	5	4	9	2	8
1	7	5	8	4	9	6	3	2
8	9	2	1	3	6	7	5	4
3	4	6	5	7	2	8	9	1

Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



SOLUTION
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The letter represented by the question mark is A. Adelaide, Brisbane, Canberra, all Australian cities.

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What's Happening at Ilminster Arts Centre

by Sara Loveridge

STOCK up on seasonal greetings at our **Charity Christmas Card Sale** taking place today (2nd). This evening share your short stories and poems with like-minded people at A Way with Words.

Spend Saturday (3rd) at our **Local Craft and Produce Market**. Stalls are set to include beautifully made soft furnishings, home wares, woodcraft and pottery, vibrant knitwear and jewellery, and cards for every occasion. Foodies will delight in the award-winning cakes and hampers by Cedric's of Misterton, and produce from Oxenford Farm. Don't forget to treat yourself to something special from our Craft Shop and Café too.

Learn how to a **Make an Advent Calendar** on 23rd. Carol Crane will show you how to create a striking Christmas tree design that can hold 24 small gifts to help you count down to the big day in style. In the evening fill up with festive cheer, mince pies and mulled wine at IAC during **Ilminster Victorian Evening**. Airs and Graces will be providing suitably spirited music as the town celebrates the switching on of Ilminster's Christmas lights (from 6pm).

Bring along your treasured items for a free valuation by experts from Bearnes, Hampton and Littlewood at an **Antiques Valuation Day** on 21st. Add to your collection with a visit to our popular **Antiques and Vintage Collectables Fair** on 24th.

Taste six wines, learn how to stretch your budget and still feel merry at a **Wine Tasting Evening** on 15th. Hosted by Linda Vijeh, the event promises to be an informative and fun evening



that will also help raise funds for IAC.

Listen to jazz in the American "west coast" style with **The West Coast Sextet** on 9th. The group features six top-flight UK musicians playing jazz in the style made famous by Gerry Mulligan's sextet and octet groups in the 1950s.

Catch **Steve Graham's Classic Jazz** on 30th - but be quick as tickets are expected to sell-out, as these IAC favourites make a welcome return.

Admire the work of two painters and an etcher at the **Triple Vision** exhibition in the galleries from 5th-17th. Then we welcome the 'made in glastonbury' collective from 19th. Seven artists will display work ranging from fine art to silk art, woodcraft, woven wire jewellery and photography until 1st December. Please note both exhibitions end at 12 noon on the last day.

Make unique gifts in time for Christmas or simply relax and enjoy a creative craft at one of our workshops. These include **Crazy Patchwork, Knit Tog, Felt Making, and Rag Rugs**. A free demonstration called **Not Only Knitting** takes place on 22nd.

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Sat 3rd Nov Jazz Night Supper; with Julie Dunn in our A la Carte Restaurant

Fri 16th Nov Pure Perfection presents: Ladies Pamper Night from 7pm, free entry in aid of The British Heart Foundation.

Sun 18th Nov Wedding Fayre in The Tithe Barn. Over 40 local suppliers, free entry! 11am - 4pm.

Sat 1st Dec and Thurs 20th Dec - Our last remaining Christmas Party Nights availability!

Christmas Day Luncheon. Join us for a delicious, locally sourced 5 course Xmas Lunch £65 per adult, £30 for under 10's. Served from midday.

Boxing Day Brunch. The return of our popular brunch menu and we promise no turkey!

New Years Eve Gala Dinner Dance with The famous Ben Waters Band. One not to be missed! Every year a sell out! £65 per adult, 5 course menu served from 7pm.

New Years Day. Classic car show, guided Parrett trail walk and Hog Roast served all day.

Sat 2nd Feb - 2013. 1940's Dinner Dance - with the regionally renowned Bertie's Big Band, serving an authentic menu, bar open from 7pm.

Booking for all of our Lunch and Dinner events is essential - please contact us on 01460 77095 or refer to www.haselburymill.co.uk for further details
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17th November 9am to 12 noon
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Have a photo taken with Santa £3 and create a novel family Christmas card

Every Tuesday from 10am until 2.30pm
THE TUESDAY WELCOME GROUP
Entertainment and lunch for the over 70s
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Thursday 15th November
BINGO 7.30pm to 9.00pm

Friday Luncheon Club
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Saturday 3rd November, 9.30am-2.00pm
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MEET THE ARTISTS OF TRIPLE VISION
Sunday 4th November, 3-5pm.
Free entry
Meet the artists of our new exhibition- etcher Jan Brame, and painters Michael Tarr and Robert Parker. Wine and nibbles will be served. Exhibition continues until 17th November.

WEST COAST SEXTET
Friday 9th November at 8pm
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UNTIL JANUARY 1st 2013

LANGPORT: Exhibition 'Flight of the Phoenix' by artist Sue Gunn. A series of abstract acrylic landscapes on canvas. At The Great Bow Wharf Gallery.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 3rd

CHISELBOROUGH: Autumn Market at Chiselborough Village Hall from 11am - 2.30pm. Lots of stalls, start your Christmas buying. Grand raffle, our famous lunches served from 12noon. Entrance free. In aid of village hall.

CREWKERNE: The Rotary Club of Crewkerne District are hosting a Bonfire and Firework Night. The event is taking place in the field behind the Old Stagecoach, Station Road. The gate will open at 6.30 pm, with the bonfire being lit at 7 pm. Fireworks at 7.30 pm. Ticket prices are £5 per adult, £1 per child. Under 5's free. Refreshments available. Sparklers on sale. Parking. Come and enjoy a safe Firework display.

CHARD: "Popular Fayre". The Guildhall Chard Various Stalls including Records, Handmade Knitwear, Crafts and Craft Making. Refreshments available. Doors open from 9am until 12.30pm.

MERRIOTT: Live music in the bar with Paul Smith at Merriott Social Club, free admission, 8.30pm start. All welcome. For further details ring 01460 74376.

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Healthy Heart Day organised by Crewkerne Patient Forum. Admission is free. This event, the first of its kind in the town, will provide advice from a GP, a dentist and a dietician plus sessions conducted by a nurse specialist from Yeovil Hearbeat, a qualified instructor from Crewkerne Aqua Centre and St John Ambulance Brigade. Blood pressure checks will be available. The Healthy Heart Day, and an accompanying exhibition on the subject, will run from 10am until 4pm at the Henhayes Centre in Crewkerne. For further information please contact Joan Farris on 01460 242 254 or email joanfarrisuk@googlemail.com.

ILMINSTER: A Concert of African Music from Chartwell Dutiro, master of the Mbira. At Warehouse Theatre, from 7.30pm. Tickets from Lanes Garden Shop, Silver Street or by calling 07943 779880.

THORNCOMBE: Thorncombe Rail Activities Club 10th Annual Model Railway Exhibition at Thorncombe Village Hall, 10am-5pm. 16 exhibits, trade stands, cafe, free parking, wheelchair friendly. Come and see some top quality model railways at Thorncombe. We're just past Forde Abbey up the hill. Ring 01460 30428 for more information or Google "TRACULBSITE".

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 4th

CREWKERNE: All Souls Service at St Bartholomews Church from 7pm. This is an opportunity to remember loved ones who have gone before, to thank God for their life and to light a Candle and place around the Cross in loving memory. There is a list at the back of St Bartholomews on which you can put the names of those you wish to remember, the list will be there until the 22nd October after that date you can contact David Cuthbertson on 01460 74703.

SEAVINGTON: Bonfire and Fireworks Party at the Millennium Hall and Playing Fields. Bonfire lit at 6.30pm with fireworks at 7.00pm. Burgers and Hot Dogs available in the Hall and licensed bar.

MONDAY NOVEMBER 5th

SEAVINGTON: Neroche DFAS talk: 'Aspects of love in art' by Pamela Halford BA (Hons) MA. 7pm for 7.15pm at Millennium Hall, Water Street. Visitors welcome, admission £3. For more details visit www.nerochdfas.org.uk

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 7th

CHARD: Wool Overs Knitwear Sale Autumn / Winter 2012 sale of Lamb's wool and Cashmere knitwear enjoy up to 30% off selected lines exclusively at the event from 10am until 4pm. At Chard Guildhall

CHARD: Memory Cafe is being held in the Guildhall Chard Are you caring for someone with memory loss or demen-

tia? Then join us every alternate Wednesday morning for a friendly and informal gathering, for information, support and social contact for people affected by dementia. From 10.30am - 12.30pm. For further information please contact Becky Marsh, Social Events Co-ordinator 07803 115488 or the Yeovil office on 01935 473597 Email southandeastsomerset@alzheimers.org.uk

BARRINGTON: Rubber Bridge Club. 7pm - 10pm Village Hall. Small friendly group of mixed ability. £1.50 p.w. Come with or without a partner or ring 01460 53234

CLAPTON: Clapton & Wayford Village Hall - sew, knit & natter, 10.30am, all welcome; details from 01460 72837

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 8th

CLAPTON: Clapton & Wayford Village Hall AGM, 7.30pm; followed by cheese & wine and an illustrated talk by Craig Taylor of Clapton Mill: 'Renewable Energy from Micro Hydropower'. New volunteers are needed to join the hall committee; please come and find out what happens in your local community. All welcome, especially newcomers; details from 01460 74849.

YARCOMBE: Devon Moviola in association with Yacombe Film Night proudly presents The Artist (PG). In the village hall. Doors open 7pm, film at 7.30pm. Tickets £5, available from 01404 861386 or 01404 861541. Refreshments available.

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 9th

CLAPTON: Clapton & Wayford Village Hall - lunch club, mid-day for 12.30pm start; all welcome, but please book by phoning 01460 77057.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 10th

PERRY STREET: Live Music from Shannon Turner at Perry Street Club & Institute from 9pm. Telephone 01460 220239 for more details.

CHARD: New Indoor Market at The Guildhall offering a wonderful selection of stalls, free entry, cafe open serving home cooked food. New traders always welcome please phone 01460 239567 for more information.

SOUTH PERROTT: Autumn bazaar start 2.30pm. Cakes, gifts, brick A brac, toys, books, new to you, raffle and teas ad 20p proceeds to church fund. At South Perrott Village Hall.

CHARDSTOCK: Family skittles evening at The George Inn, Chardstock, starting 6pm. £15 per team of 6. Food is included in the price, teams need to be booked by Thursday, November 8th. Prize for winning team! Please call St Andrew's School office on 01460 220534 for booking and meal choice. In aid of St Andrew's School.

ILTON: Christmas Craft Fair at Village Hall, refreshments available 10am - 2.30pm

SEAVINGTON: Performance of 'Lest We Forget' at Seavington Millennium Hall from 7.30pm, to mark Remembrance Day. Presented by Heritage Theatre. Tickets are available from Seavington Community Shop, or on the door, priced at £5.00 for adults with accompanied children free. Ticket price includes tea/coffee/squash and biscuits at the interval.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 13th

CREWKERNE: Are you over 70 or do you know anyone over 70? Do you, or they, like a laugh, eating with friends and generally having a good time? If so, Tuesday at the Henhayes Centre could be the place to be. 10am-2.30pm, tea and biscuits and a wholesome lunch. All for £5.50 and transport can be arranged. Call 01460 74340 for more details.

CREWKERNE: Computer class for the confident and the terrified 10am-12noon at Henhayes Community Centre. **ILMINSTER:** Ile Flower Club present A Christmas Floral Demonstration by Tony Brown a national demonstrator from Derby. This will be held in the Warehouse Theatre Ilminster at 7.30pm, doors open 6.30pm. Tickets are £8.00 members and £10.00 visitors includes refreshments before the show. For tickets phone 01460 75025/77233 or from Lanes Garden Shop Ilminster.

Going Out Film

This week's new releases

THE MASTER 15

RETURNING from Navy service in World War II, Freddie drifts through a series of PTSD-driven breakdowns. Finally he stumbles upon a cult which engages in exercises to clear the emotions. He becomes deeply involved with them, but does it change anything fundamental in his life?

Stars Joaquin Phoenix, Philip Seymour Hoffman and Amy Adams.

RUST AND BONE 15

PUT in charge of his young son, Ali leaves Belgium for Antibes to live with his sister and her husband as a family. Ali's bond with Stephanie, a killer whale trainer, grows deeper after Stephanie suffers a horrible accident.

French language film starring Marion Cotillard, Matthias Schoenaerts and Thomas Bidegain.

THE SHINING 15

A MAN, his son and wife become the winter caretakers of an isolated hotel where Danny, the son, sees disturbing visions of the hotel's past using a telepathic gift known as "The Shining". The father, Jack Torrance, is underway in a writing project when he slowly slips into insanity as a result of cabin fever and former guests of the hotel's ghosts. After being convinced by a waiter's ghost to "correct" the family, Jack goes completely insane. The only thing that can save Danny and his mother is "The Shining".

Re-release of the Stanley Kubrick horror classic starring Jack Nicholson, Shelley Duvall and Danny Lloyd.



Forthcoming Events in Chard Guildhall

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Every Tuesday 9:30am and 11:30am & 7.30pm
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Every other Wednesday, next meeting 7th November
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MEMORY CAFE
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Every Thursday, 7:45 pm - 8:30 pm
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Monday 19th November
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Saturday 3rd November
10am - 11am
COUNCILLORS' SURGERY

Saturday 3rd November 9am - 12:30pm
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Starting Saturday 10th November
NEW INDOOR MARKET
from 8.30 am to 2pm Cafe open serving home cooked food. New traders welcome.

Friday 23rd November
LIFE LINE SCREENING
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We have many other events taking place.

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CINEMA LISTINGS

Friday, November 2nd - Thursday, November 8th

ALL LISTINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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Frankenweenie PG
Fri-Sun: 11.30, 13.50, 16.10, 18.30
Mon, Tue: 13.50, 16.10, 18.30
Wed & Thu: 16.10

Taken 2 12A
Fri-Sun: 16.40, 19.00, 21.20
Mon & Tue: 14.20, 16.40, 19.00, 21.20
Wed & Thu: 14.20, 19.00, 21.20

Paranormal Activity 4 15
Fri-Sun: 16.30, 18.50, 21.10
Mon-Thu: 14.10, 18.50, 21.10

Hotel Transylvania U
Fri-Sun: 11.50, 14.10
Mon-Thu: 16.30

Fun Size 12A
Fri: 11.00, 13.20, 15.40, 18.00
Sat: 13.20, 15.40, 18.00
Sun: 11.00, 13.20, 15.40, 18.00, 20.20
Mon-Thu: 13.20, 15.40, 18.00, 20.20

Argo 15
Wed & Thu: 12.20, 15.10, 18.00, 20.50
Looper 15 Fri-Tue: 20.40

Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted PG
Fri-Sun: 11.20, 12.00, 12.50, 13.40, 14.20, 15.10, 16.00, 17.30, 18.20, plus Fri, Sun: 10.30am
Mon, Tue: 12.50, 13.40, 15.10, 16.00, 17.30, 18.20

Wed & Thu: 12.50, 15.10, 16.45, 17.30
Paranorman PG Fri-Sun: 10.10am
Pirates! In An Adventure With Scientists PG Sat: 10.10am
Silent Hill: Revelation 3D 15

Fri-Sun: 12.10, 14.30, 16.50, 19.10, 21.30
Mon-Thu: 14.30, 16.50, 19.10, 21.30
Sinister 15 Fri-Tue: 21.05

Skyfall 12A
Fri-Sun: 10.45, 11.30, 12.30, 14.00, 14.45, 15.45, 17.15, 18.00, 19.00, 19.45, 20.30, 21.15
Mon-Thu: 12.30, 14.00, 14.45, 15.45, 17.15, 18.00, 19.00, 19.45, 20.30, 21.15

The Adventures of Tintin: Secret of the Unicorn Kid PG Sat: 10.20am
The Muppets U Sat: 10.00am
The Sapphires 18C
Wed & Thu: 16.20, 18.40, 21.40
Fri-Sun: 10.30am

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Argo 15
Wed & Thu: 13.00, 15.50, 19.00, 21.45

Frankenweenie in 2D PG
Fri-Sun: 11.00am

Fun Size 12A
Fri-Tue: 13.45, 16.30, plus Tue: 19.00

Hotel Transylvania in 2D U
Fri-Mon, Wed & Thu: 13.40

Hotel Transylvania in 3D U
Fri-Sun: 11.20am

Led Zeppelin: Celebration Day - Encore PG
Thu: 20.30

Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted in 2D PG
Fri-Tue: 12.45, 15.10, 17.30

Wed & Thu: 12.45, 15.10
Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted in 3D PG

Daily: 11.30, 14.00
Paranormal Activity 4 15

Fri-Sun: 19.00, 21.30, Tue: 21.30
Silent Hill: Revelation 3D 15

Daily: 16.40, 19.00, 21.20
Skyfall 12A

Fri, Sat: 11.45, 12.30, 13.30, 14.15, 15.00, 16.00, 17.00, 17.45, 18.30, 19.30, 20.00, 20.30, 21.15, 22.00, 23.00

Sun-Thu: 11.45, 12.30, 13.30, 14.15, 15.00, 16.00, 17.00, 17.45, 18.30, 19.30, 20.00, 20.30, 21.15, 22.00 (Excluding Thu: 20.00)

Taken 2 12A
Fri, Sat, Mon, Tue: 16.20, 18.40, 21.00
Sun: 18.40, 21.00, Wed & Thu: 17.30

The Sapphires PG
Wed & Thu: 16.20, 18.40, 21.40
Top Cat 2D U

Fri-Sun: 10.30am
Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted PG
Fri & Sat: 12.20

Skyfall 12A
Fri-Sun, Wed: 14.00, 19.30, Mon, Tue, Thu: 19.30
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GOOD NEWS AT LAST?

It looks like lenders might be beginning to lend!

THE past few years the mortgage market has literally starved the housing market of cash. For property to sell you need two things. Buyers who want to buy; and money for them to buy with. In a macabre sort of cat and mouse game the mortgage lenders have been dangling special offers and attractive deals in front of would be buyers but peppering the offers with conditions making them available on only very low loan to value loans or to those on high incomes with very high credit scores. The best deals have all been direct - with brokers being expected to mop up the cases where the fit is not quite perfect or where extra income or affordability proofs are required.

Everyone, and in this I include the public, the business community, the individual MPs and also MPs collectively as the government have cried FOUL! - but time and time again the banks have protested their innocence. In frustration the government has provided money to banks to increase their lending only to see them casually trouser it claiming it was needed to increase their

capital base. Not only have they kept the money intended for lending, they have also claimed that it is not the banks fault that responsible people don't want to borrow money and they should not be held accountable for the mortgage market drying up.

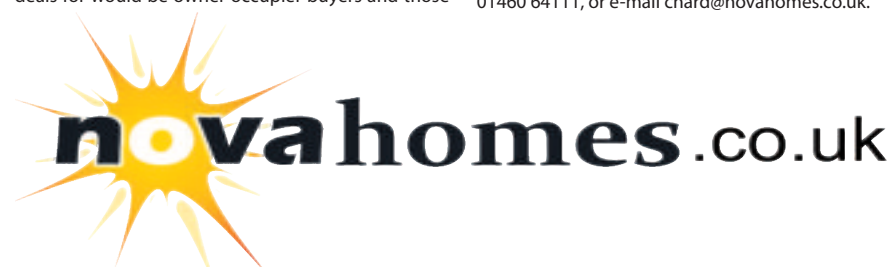
Finally the government has realised that the only way to get banks to lend is to offer them terms that financially reward lending and at the same time impose financial penalties if they don't. Enter "Funding for Lending" - the governments latest attempt to strangle the banks into lending both to the public and businesses. The difference with this new scheme is that there are some serious penalties if banks do not play fair. Firstly the incredibly attractive rates that the banks can borrow at for new lending go up if they fail to meet the lending targets they have signed up to. Secondly if they do not meet the lending targets then they lose the opportunity to refinance some of their existing lending book at similarly tantalising interest rates.

Early reports show that if you can't reason with a

banker you can definitely bribe them! The lenders are now starting to issue some very attractive rates on reasonable terms into the market. There are even signs that they are again beginning to compete for business - and that is great news for would be buyers. Said Gary Andrews of Tom French Independent Financial Advisers in Chard "For the first time in several years I am now able to shop around and look to get some really good deals for would be owner occupier buyers and those

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The Mini Countryman: model update measures for Autumn 2012

Interior more user-friendly than ever and with a further premium ambience - New exterior paint finishes - EU6 classification for MINI One Countryman and MINI Cooper Countryman.

IN THE two years since its launch onto the world's car markets, the MINI Countryman has developed into a driving force behind the continuing growth of the brand. The



transference of hallmark MINI qualities and values into a new vehicle segment has won over new target groups worldwide to the brand's unmistakable style. Autumn 2012 will see the British carmaker's first model to offer all-wheel drive benefiting from an extensive round of modifications which will further enhance the allure of its boundless driving fun. Detailed refinements to the car's design and the selection of materials available for the interior shine the spotlight even more brightly on a premium character none of the MINI Countryman's rivals can match. The spacious five-door's optimised ease of use underlines its very modern appreciation of practicality.

The modifications designed for the MINI Countryman will be rolled out across all model variants from November 2012. Open one of the front doors and the newly designed rings encircling the Centre Speedo and four air vents immediately stand out. They will now be presented across the board in the colour shade Carbon Black and also have an inner ring in high-gloss black or – as part of the Chrome

Line Interior option – in chrome. Both in standard trim and with options specified, the fresh appeal of the colours and materials adds further lustre to the high-quality character of the MINI Countryman interior.

Newly designed door inserts also help to enhance the car's premium ambience, comfort and practicality. Remodelled door armrests provide even more comfortable support for the arms, and the controls for the electric windows are now also positioned in the door trim. A full control panel is integrated into the door armrest on the driver's side. The switches clustered here include the controls for all the windows, the deactivation facility for the rear window controls and adjustment for the exterior mirrors. Moving the window controls away from the centre console also optimises access to the larger storage compartment below it. From autumn 2012 the MINI Countryman will come as standard with a three-seat rear bench, while a pair of individual seats will be available as a no-cost alternative.

As well as changes to the range of

interior colours, interior trim elements and Colour Lines, the selection of exterior paint finishes will also be given a refresh in autumn 2012. New additions include the suitably expressive colour shades Brilliant Copper metallic and Blazing Red metallic. Plus, a restructuring of the equipment packages on offer to customers will make it even easier to customise the MINI Countryman to reflect their tastes.

Customers can choose from six engine variants for the MINI Countryman. The three petrol and three diesel units produce outputs stretching from 66 kW/90 hp to 135 kW/184 hp. Beyond these, there is also the ultra-sporty MINI John Cooper Works Countryman, powered by a turbocharged 160 kW/218 hp engine. The ALL4 all-wheel-drive system fitted as standard on this top-class perform-

ance variant is also available as an option for the MINI Cooper S Countryman, MINI Cooper SD Countryman and MINI Cooper D Countryman. All models, with the exception of the MINI One D Countryman, can be ordered with a six-speed automatic gearbox as an alternative to the standard six-speed manual. The impressive efficiency of the engines and

gearboxes along with extensive MINIMALISM technology ensure all the MINI Countryman variants achieve an exemplary balance between driving fun and fuel economy. Added to which, from autumn 2012 manual versions of the MINI One Countryman and MINI Cooper Countryman will meet the stipulations of the EU6 exhaust emissions standard due to come into force in 2014.



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Commenting on this powerful package aimed at cost-

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Pld	+/	Pts	
Odcombe.....4	14	7	
Harlequins.....4	38	6	
Magpies.....4	28	5	
Greyhounds.....4	5	4	

East Devon & District League

Afternoon D3	Pld	+/	Pts
Odcombe.....4	14	7	
Sidbury.....2	66	4	
CHARD B.....2	92	3	
CHARD A.....1	68	2	
Hemyock B.....2	-66	1	
Seaton Cliff C.....1	-34	0	
Colyton B.....2	-126	0	

Hamilton makes progress

LAST Saturday Ilminster played a three-rink friendly against **Winscombe**. Ilminster won on two rinks and drew on one and won overall 65-43 writes Des Maull.

Ilminster scores: Anton Reimann, Ray Dolby, Mike King & Robin Trump 23 M Nash 23. Roy Orme, Dave Cox, Brian Welch & John Os-

borne 22 A Watts 8, Dave Wallis, Wallace Kerr, Dave Collins & Tony Cole 20 M Adams 12.

The following day Matt Hamilton competed in the first round of the **National Singles** where he beat Gerry Morris, also of Ilminster, 21-18.

darts chard & district

Premier Division

Results (October 22nd):
Hopefuls 12 High 4 a half
16, New Order 12 Scrub
down 17.

Premier	Pld	Pts
New Order.....5	85	
BDB's.....4	79	
Scrub Down.....3	61	
High 4 a Half.....4	53	
Phoenix Poppies.....4	51	
Hopefuls.....4	50	
Pig Jockeys.....4	40	
Slaps Lot.....2	38	
Pop Darts.....3	26	
Best of a Bad Lot.....3	20	
Hobnobs.....2	13	

◆ **STAT LEADERS:** Most 180s: Leighton Cox (High 4 a half) 4. Best shot-out: Mark Pearce (Hopefuls 160).

Division One: Clubbs 14

Madhouse Crew 4, PA's 8
Dix with Chix 10,
Stumpy's Gang 10 Double
Trouble 11.

Division One	Pld	Pts
Clubbs.....4	59	
Madhouse Crew.....4	36	
Stumpy's Gang.....4	36	
The Pirates.....4	35	

The Downs.....3	32
PA's.....4	32
Dix with Chix.....3	31
Double Trouble.....3	23
Happy Sharks.....2	20
Two Minute Crew.....3	19

◆ **STAT LEADERS:** Most 180s: Steve Major (Two minute Crew) 2. Best shot-out: Nick Hodges (Stumpy's Gang) 103.

Division Two: Blunt Arrows 12 Red Devils 6, Dizzy Tarts 7 Cult of Personality 15, From Small Acorns 13 Winning Team 6.

Division Two	Pld	Pts
From Small Acorns.....4	55	
Cult of Personality.....4	55	
Red Devils.....4	43	
Phoenix Flyers.....4	43	
Winning Team.....4	33	
Rare Breeds.....3	29	
Blunt Arrows.....3	26	
Dizzy Tarts.....4	26	
Broken Arrows.....2	23	
B's Knees.....4	23	

◆ **STAT LEADERS:** Most 180s: none. Best shot-out: J.Gulliford (Rare Breeds) 62

swimming chard & district club

Swimmers on form

CHARD & District Swimming Club took part in the recent **Somerset Development Meet** aimed at young and inexperienced swimmers looking to try to achieve County times for next spring, writes **HANNAH PULLINGER**.

Twenty-four swimmers aged nine and upwards took part over two days achieving many personal best times and a total of twenty one County qualifying times.

Top three medal positions were achieved by: Jess McAuley (9), 50m Freestyle, Henry Taswell (11), 50m Butterfly, 100m Individual Medley, 200m Backstroke and Individual Medley, Abi Bonning (12), 50m Breaststroke, 100m Freestyle, 100m Butterfly and 200m Individual Medley, Hope Horsfield (13), 200m Individual Medley, Rory Dyer (14) 200m Freestyle, Nathan Roberts (15), 50m and 100m Backstroke, 50m Butterfly, and Wilf Gosden (17), 100m and 200m Breaststroke.

Swimmers taking part were: Girls: Brooke Mathieson, Holly Dickinson, Jess McAuley, Eden McDonald, Xanthe Dyer, Helen & Sarah Underwood, Jess Patch, Abi Bonning, Hope Horsfield, Flo Swan, Mollie Simpson, Marianna Dyer, Lauren Real.

Boys: Ben Webb, Simon Davis, Henry Taswell, Leo Bonning, Joss Copeman, Michael Moulding, Liam Mathieson, Nathan Roberts, Rory Dyer and Wilf Gosden.

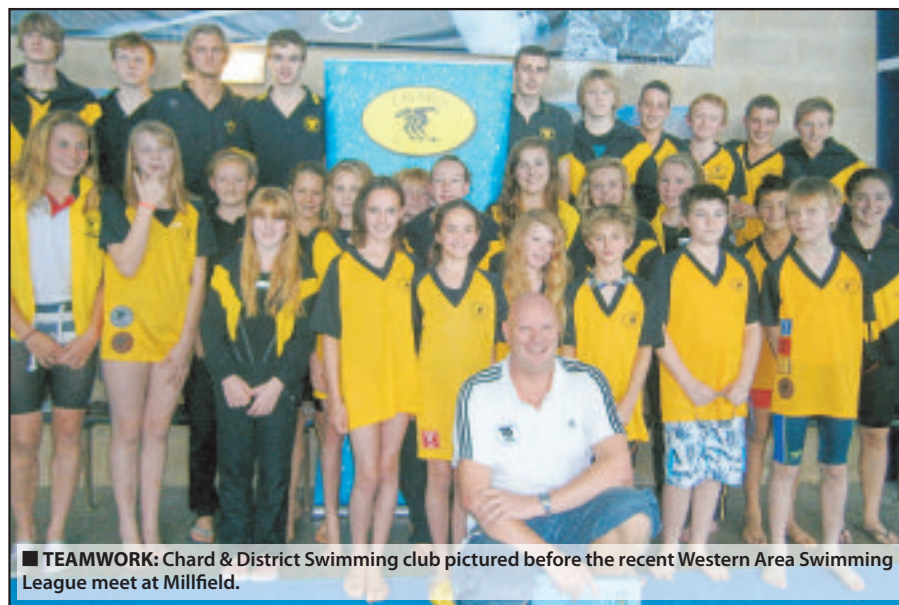
◆ Club **Swimmers-of-the-Month** for September were



■ **BEST IN SEPTEMBER:** Abbie Herbert and Michael Moulding.

Michael Moulding (11) and Abbie Herbert (8) who achieved the most progress points in the September Club Gala.

If you want to find out more about Chard Swimming Club or are interested in joining we have sessions for age 5/6 upwards at pools in Chard, Axminster, Crewkerne and long course training at Millfield. Please visit our web-site at www.chardswimming.org



■ **TEAMWORK:** Chard & District Swimming club pictured before the recent Western Area Swimming League meet at Millfield.

Second-placed finish in gala

A SQUAD of 29 swimmers represented Chard & District Swimming Club at Round 1 of the **Western Division Arena Swimming League** held at Millfield on 13th October, writes Hannah Pullinger.

Chard looked strong from the start, gaining top three positions in 44 of the 50 events, with first positions in no less than 14 events which enabled them to finish a close second in the Gala overall.

Individual first places went to Luke van den Barselaar 16 in the Open Boys 100m Freestyle, Hannah Pullinger 16 in the Open Girls 100m Individual Medley and 100m Freestyle, Tessa Down 15 in the Open and 15/Under Girls 100m Breaststroke, Abi Dare 15 in the 15/Under Girls 100m

Freestyle, Melissa Hanson 14 in the 15/under Girls 100m Backstroke, Hope Horsfield 13 in the 13/Under Girls 50m Freestyle, and Elisha Hawkins 12 in the 13/Under Girls 50m Breaststroke. Hope Horsfield also secured the Club Gold Speed Badge by swimming under 30 seconds at 50m Freestyle for the first time.

relay

The Relay Teams also did well with first places going to both the Girls Open Freestyle and Medley teams, both the Girls 15/Under Freestyle and Medley teams, and the Girls 13/under Freestyle team.

Full Team: **Girls:** Hannah Pullinger, Abi Dare, Tessa Down, Melissa Hanson, Lauren Harrison, Susan Ross, Elisha Hawkins, Hope

Horsfield, Abi Bonning, Flo Swan, Xanthe Dyer, Megan Herbert, Helen Underwood, Jess Patch,

Boys: Luke van den Barselaar, Jake Hallam, Dan Andrews, Ben Fowler, Joe Spurway, Oli Bilbie, Jamie Pullinger, Jamie Lillington, Ashley Lillington, Lewis Pearson, Ryan Adair, Henry Taswell, Leo Kindred, Leo Bonning, and Simon Davis.

Congratulations to all the swimmers for a great performance, and a big thank you to all the Club coaches, officials, team managers, time-keepers and recorders who all helped to make the event a success.

Chard now look forward to another strong performance in Round 2 in November.

ON THE SPOT...



WEEKENDER SPORT puts

Drimpton FC's
CHRIS ROWSWELL

UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

Q How long have you played local football? Which teams have you played for?

A I have been playing for around eight or nine seasons now, I've played for Haselbury, Beaminster and Drimpton.

Q Who are the best three players you've played alongside, and why?

A Simon Denslow - just scores goals, goals, goals! Dave Penn - has the ability to control a game and pick a pass anywhere. James Ridd - he just doesn't stop running, he is in the Ashley Cole mould ha!

Q What's the best away ground you've played on?

A It's got to be Beaminster, great facilities and pitch.

Q Do any games stick out in your memory?

A Two in particular; Away to Combe A this season when we were 3-0 down with 10 minutes to go and drew 3-3 with the last kick of the game. Five more minutes and we would of won! And the other has to be when we played Beaminster while with Drimpton in the Dorset Cup in 2007-08, they were in the division above us but we beat them 3-1 (Vinny Allen, Liam Adams and an OG).

Q How would you improve things at Drimpton FC?

A I think we have got a pretty good base to build from at the moment - new changing rooms, great help and support from some important people at the club. If we keep that then we will keep improving for sure.

Q Name some young players we should look out for in the future.

A Jordan Watts and Gavin Tanner aren't just the future, but also the present. Both are already big players for us and get better with every game.

NEXT: Perry Street League legend Graham 'Percy' Vere

angling Ilminster

Ilminster AA, 28th October
V.E.S. Precision Winter League
RIVER ISLE, SOMERSET - 7 FISHED

ILMINSTER AA members fished round two of the V.E.S. Precision winter league on the Isle on Sunday.

The river was back to its normal level and despite cooler temperatures, the fish still fed well. Martin Heard won again, this time with a superb 20lb 9oz of mainly dace from peg 28.

Robin Cox was second with roach and chublets weighing 7lb 15oz from peg 126. Third place went to Steve Parker with 4lb 12oz from peg 27.

There's no match next Sunday with round three of the V.E.S. in two weeks time. The draw takes place at the Royal Oak between 8.30 and 9am.

Results: 1st - Martin Heard (Tiverton) - 20lb 9oz, 2nd - Robin Cox (Ilminster) - 7lb 15oz, 3rd - Steve Parker (Ilton) - 4lb 12oz.

For the full match report go to www.againstmenandfish.blogspot.com

SCRUM DOWN

KEITH JENKIN'S
Round-up of the
local rugby clubs

Floodlit mission for Chard

CREWKERNE have cause to thank near neighbours BRIDPORT.

The West Dorset side, although they had a commitment in the league on Saturday last and a rather large injury list, contrived to put out something of a second side to give the Henhayes club a much needed run out.

Crewkerne took 25 players to Bridport, lent several to the home side, and a useful run-out ensued.

The final score is immaterial but it importantly gave the visitors some much needed game time.

CHARD 19 NORTH PETHERTON 29
UNDERFOOT conditions were ideal at the Park Field for this local derby, although a stiff cross-field breeze threatened to make life difficult for the line kickers.

Exchanges were even enough early on but, after just five minutes play, the visitors attacked with purpose and an adroit chip ahead forced Chard to save at the expense of a lineout close to their line.

Petherton secured possession via their number two jumper and drove the maul over some five yards in from touch, with prop Dickens coming up with the ball.

The conversion kick went wide and Chard's response was immediate.

They regained possession from the restart and sent the ball to Douglas in midfield. He, faced with a broken field situation, capitalised by breaking through, stepping the full-back and scoring under the posts.

Nicholls' conversion kick was accurate and his side now led 7-5 before

the contest was ten minutes old.

The next few minutes were evenly contested but, on the twenty minute mark, the visitors again kicked a penalty award to the corner.

I thought that Chard defended the ensuing maul well enough but the referee thought otherwise and a second penalty was conceded close to the posts.

Petherton spurned the straightforward kick at goal, mistakenly I thought, but again kicked to the corner and the home side eventually scrambled the ball clear.

Petherton were employing the diagonal chip and the grubber to very good effect at this stage and, although behind, were still very much in the contest.

With just a few minutes of the half remaining however it was Chard's turn to kick a penalty to the corner.

They retained possession from the lineout, drove the maul forward some ten yards before releasing to Douglas. The centre employed the hand off to slip his marker and again got over between the posts.

Nicholls successful conversion put daylight between the sides at 14-5 with half time approaching.

What was, to my mind anyway, a defining moment of the whole game then took place.

A misunderstanding at the base of the Chard set scrum allowed the visitors to turn over possession and to gain considerable ground.

Prop Hyslop was then sent to the bin for committing a professional foul and Petherton turned the resultant penalty into an unconverted try,

touched down by Angle to reduce the arrears at the halfway stage.

The visitors made the most of their numerical superiority, enjoying something of a purple patch during the third quarter.

They took the lead with an early try, and it was a good one. From a lineout close to the home line they contrived an overlap in their backs.

The winger made good ground, the inside offload came, and one of the midfield touched down halfway out. The conversion kick was accurate and Petherton now led 17-14.

They continued to attack and, after a good exchange of passes out wide, hooker Williams got over out wide for the bonus point try.

too many penalties

Chard were now eight points in arrears when Hyslop re-entered the fray. His side were continuing to concede too many penalties however and Wright their seven, then saw yellow after a warning, on the hour.

Petherton were far too good a side not to make their man advantage count and when Chard, now having to chase the game, threw an expansive pass, the interception came some 35 yards out, and one of the Petherton centres got over unopposed.

The extras were duly added, taking the visitors into a decisive lead at 29-14.

The home side did set about mounting something of a rally however. A good charge by number eight Wagstaff set up an attacking position. His colleagues drove and drove again, taking play close to the visitors' line.

The ball was then released. A long

cut out pass found full-back Stead out wide and he touched down 15 yards in from touch.

The try remained unconverted, but Chard knew that another score of any kind would net them a losing bonus point.

It was not to be however. The referee eschewed thoughts of injury time and blew the whistle for no side.

Whatever else, North Petherton deserved to win this one. Their lineout functioned well all game. Their scrum achieved parity.

Their halves made much of their possession and they ran with purpose outside.

Chard would have realised that, to have any hopes of beating teams of this calibre, they needed to keep all fifteen players on the field throughout.

They would consider their penalty count to be rather on the high side also and, although they played well overall, they came up a little short in the end.

WELLS 2nd 15 CHARD 2nd 40

IT was a young and inexperienced Chard second side that took the field at Wells.

But, with debutant Hugo Gosden making an impression at the base of the scrum, the Biss brothers prominent and Adams pulling the strings at stand off half, they proceeded to a deserved and comfortable win.

The home side, while having a large and lumpy pack, were prone to concede penalties, and Paine made them pay by kicking three goals. He scored a try also and converted three others

to bring his personal points tally to 20.

Other tries were scored by Max Gosden, Billie Biss, Glyn Harding and Bryn Mays.

Given that the half time score was 0-21 it would appear that the visitors were on top from beginning to end, although Wells did score two late tries as a consolation.

PREVIEW

AFTER facing a top of the table outfit, CHARD now travel to take on a side lying near the bottom in BRIDGWATER & ALBION.

I would caution them against complacency however, for their opponents, although they have not enjoyed a particularly good start to their campaign, have not been wallowed by many, have picked up a couple of losing bonus points along the way and, narrowly bested Thornbury a couple of weeks ago.

It may be that they are in the process of recovering and will be dangerous on that count alone.

The form book does suggest that an away win is on the cards. It will not be easy however!

NOTE: This game will take place on Friday evening under lights at Bridgwater, kick-off 7.30 pm.

CREWKERNE too are on the road and will be thankful that they face MARTOCK. Their opponents, while not winning too many marbles in recent times, have not conceded many games.

The Henhayes side, after having been awarded walk-overs, and having had a game postponed in recent weeks, will just be relieved that they

are facing opposition that will most certainly take the field, for they had not played for three weeks prior to last Saturday's run about at Bridport.

Although they may well be a little on the rusty side, Crewkerne should win this one with a bit to spare, in fact Martock may well reap a whirlwind of frustration.

As to the second sides, Crewkerne seconds face a real tester with the visit of Hornets thirds who gave Chard thirds a bit of a cuffing a few weeks back.

I seem to remember that the Chard side had been decimated by second team calls on that occasion but, nevertheless Crewkerne have a bit of a mountain to climb.

The Chard second side entertains North Petherton seconds and both sides could do with a win, for they lie, cheek by jowl in the bottom half of the Somerset League Division One.

Contests between these old adversaries have traditionally been close, and I doubt if this one will be too different.

Chard 3rds play Minehead Barbarians thirds at the Crewkerne Road ground and will be looking for a win.

Their opponents lie well below them in the league and do not appear to travel that well.

Tomorrow's Fixtures

Chard v Bridgwater & Albion (away - Friday evening); Chard 2nd v North Petherton 2nd; Chard 3rd v Minehead Barbarians 3rd; Crewkerne v Martock (away); Crewkerne 2nd v Hornets 3rd.

skittles round-up

ILMINSTER LEAGUE

DIVISION ONE: Rocky's Rollers 281-2 (I.Findlay 42) Crown Royals 322-10 (J.Miles 46), Carnival Clingons 453-10 (S.Paul 75) Royal Oak Faces 419-2 (N.Jenkins 67), Ashill Inn 338-2 (E.Turner 48) Hatch Beagles 344-10 (P.Dibble 52), Nomads 330-2 (R.Barnes, A.Peckham, K.Crouch, K.Keith all 42).

Division One	Pld	Pts
Flying Turkeys.....	7	66
Carnival Clingons.....	6	60
Ashill Boys.....	7	45
Rocky's Rollers.....	6	44
Nomads.....	7	41
Crown Royals.....	8	40
Hatch Beagles.....	7	37
Royal Oak Faces.....	7	32
Ashill Inn.....	7	17

DIVISION ONE: Wyndham Clangers 284-1 (T.Lucas, B.Richards 43) Cricketers 330-11 (B.Venn

52), Hatch Eggs 348-11 (S.Cregan 50) Donyatt BC 329-1 (P.Kneeshaw 47), Wyndham Arms 326-11 (G.Dannvers, S.Ball 45) Hatch Eggs 259-1 (C.Deserve, D.Knight 37), Bell & Crown 387-10 (C.Rust 55) Bell A 364-2 (N.Maidment 52).

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Bell & Crown.....	6	56
Cricketers.....	6	54
King's Head.....	6	37
Bell A.....	5	35
Wyndham Clang.....	6	35
Wyndham Arms.....	6	28
Donyatt BC.....	5	17
Hatch Eggs.....	6	14

CREWKERNE LEAGUE

Division One	Pld	Pts
Lost Boys.....	4	42
King Willy Dogs.....	5	35
Royal Oak Drimpton.....	5	35
Muddled Men.....	5	32
Stray Cats.....	5	28
Head Hunters.....	4	27
Coachmen.....	4	26

The Fryers.....	5	24
Nomads.....	5	22
Super Sexy Six.....	4	15
Football Club.....	4	14

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Brewers Bees.....	5	38
Raptors.....	5	36
Pinbusters.....	5	35
Perrott Monkeys.....	5	34
Club Fixers.....	5	34
Con Club Legends.....	5	31
Rollers.....	5	28
Rug Rats.....	5	27
Sports 92.....	5	27
Fokkers.....	5	26
Concorde.....	5	25
Skimmers.....	5	19

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Muppets.....	5	56
Hung Like Horses.....	5	44
Merriott Men.....	5	44
Sandbaggers.....	5	35
The Likely Lads.....	5	33
Chis Colts.....	5	32
Willy Low Flyers.....	5	28
Numpies.....	5	26
Kings Pick n Mix.....	5	21
Rotary.....	5	16
Knappers.....	5	16
Beer Leg Boys.....	5	9

SOMERSET SENIOR FOOTBALL

WITH HOWARD LARCOMBE

Big Ben strikes twice in third win

WELTON ROVERS 2 CHARD TOWN 3

Toolstation Division One

Saturday, October 27th - Att: 40

CHARD Town recorded their third successive win with a well earned 3-2 victory at Welton Rovers last Saturday in a competitive game with ex-Gillingham Town striker Taoufik Ben Salem marking his debut with two vital second-half goals.

The game, played in blustery conditions, saw Chard take the lead after 24 minutes when a mistake in the Welton defence allowed Sam Clark to pick up a loose ball and fire into the empty net.

But Welton were level five minutes later when a corner was only half cleared and the ball fell to Dan Scrivens who made no mistake.

In the second-half neither side could break through some resolute defending although Welton tested the Chard crossbar with a powerful shot on 68 minutes.

Two minutes later Chard got a deserved second goal when an Andy Martin corner was met on the edge of the box by the towering Ben Salem who headed home powerfully.

Welton almost got on equal terms 15 minutes from time when they burst through the Chard defence but 'keeper Scott Wells-Burr saved well.

Nathan Warren replaced Clark on 83 minutes and provided the pass which

led to a loose ball for Ben Salem to pick up and score his second with a lob over the advancing keeper.

Welton had one final attack on the Chard defence and from a corner scored a second goal from close range with two minutes remaining to the final whistle.

CHARD: Scott Wells-Burr, Adam Fricker, Danny Cleal, Mark Armstrong, Mark Scott, Sam Spurway, Richard Hebditch, Andy Martin, Sam Clark (Nathan Warren 83), Taoufik Ben Salem, Liam Cleal. Subs: James Smith, Chris Gardner, Gary Knight, Ryan Parris not used.

The Robins, currently lying fourth spot, entertain eighth placed Portishead Town at the Lane tomorrow (3pm ko). Acting player-manager Adam Fricker is a doubt (knee) as are Mark Armstrong (ankle) and Chris Gardner (toe). Meanwhile centre-back Gary Knight is away on his stag weekend.

Chard Town 8 Tipton St John 2

Devon & Exeter League

Saturday, October 27th

STRIKER Greg Channing took his personal goal tally to 12 in seven games with four as Chard Town Reserves thrashed lowly Tipton St John 8-2 at Zembard on Saturday.

Gary Spiller netted a hat-trick and Jamie Barfoot chipped-in with a single as the Robins racked up their

biggest win since they hammered Exmouth Amateurs 11-0 18 months ago.

Next up for Chard is tomorrow's trip to Wellington.

Ashton & Back' 2 Ilminster Town 3

Somerset Premier Division

Saturday, October 27th

ILMINSTER Town went down 2-0 at Ashton & Backwell on Saturday and dropped to 10th spot in the Premier division table as a result.

Street Res P Ilminster Town P

Premier/Div 1 League Cup

Wednesday, October 31st

THIS rearranged first round cup-tie was postponed for the second time due to the storm that swept the area on Halloween night - spooky!

The teams will try for a third time on Wednesday, November 7th, 7.30pm ko, with a trip to Clutton in the last 16 awaiting the winners.

The Blues entertain Watchet Town tomorrow. Player-Manager Rob Sutton welcomes back Alex Paul and Dan Vining from injury but Jon Manley is a doubt with a groin strain.

Combe St Nicholas 4 Weston St J 2

Somerset Division Two (W)

Saturday, October 27th

COMBE St Nicholas extended their unbeaten run to six matches with a 4-

2 win over Weston St Johns at Slades Cross last Saturday.

Weston took an early lead from a defensive error but Combe leveled soon after when Weston's captain handled the ball the area and Chris Warry tucked away the resulting spot-kick.

The visitors regained the lead early in the second-half with a fierce long-range effort that fizzed past the unsighted Jason Hutchings in the Saints goal.

Combe equalised for a second time and once again it was via a Warry penalty after a trip on striker Harry Boddington.

They took the lead for the first time through a fierce shot from Ben Haines. before Boddington latched onto a great through ball to power home number four.

Combe have no game tomorrow, but the Reserves entertain Lyme Regis in a Perry Street league Premier division clash (2.30pm ko).

◆ Combe held their annual firework display last Saturday and would like to say thank you to all that turned up to watch the fantastic display.

Thanks also go to Kev Earnshaw of Metalwise, Sunday Bingo Club, Don Biss Transport and Spice Villa for the sponsorship of our fireworks and to Rocket Science for playing out the evening.

STREET SCENE

Howard Larcombe rounds-up
the Perry Street & District League



■ **ASHLEY DOBLE:**
Double strike

PSL TOP SCORERS

Premier: Joe Simmons (Winsham Utd) 15, E. Butcher (Crewkerne Town) 9, J. Spurdle (Crewkerne Town) 8.
Division One: R. Smith (Misterton) 11, A. Stevenson (Forton Rangers) 10, T. Franklin (Netherbury) 9.
Division Two: R. Anderson (Chard Utd) & T. Hussey (Pymore) both 9, A. Cody-Boutcher (Pymore) 7.
Division Three: B. Garrett (Winsham United Res) 14, W. Gabbidon (Combe A) 13, M. Jenkins (Millway Rise Res) 11.
Division Four: K. Smith (Thorncombe Res) & P. Male (Thorncombe Res) both 8, J. Burkhardt (Shepton Beauchamp Res) 7.

Chinnocks' worthy fundraiser

WEST & Middle Chinnock FC are staging a charity event at the Muddled Man public house on Saturday, November 10th (7.30pm start).

The evening, which will include a buffet, live music, a money tree and a grand raffle, is being held to raise funds for St Margaret's Hospice and Yeovil Hospital special baby care unit.

The latter is a cause very close to Matt Alford's heart. The new Chinnocks' player-manager's son William was born prematurely and spent five weeks in the hospital after having spent two months in high dependency units in Bristol and Taunton.

The raffle prizes include: tickets for days out, a Southampton FC signed pennant, a visit to Westminster Palace and a signed Pele shirt amongst others.

Mothers land Coronation semi

Coronation Cup - QF
PERRY STREET 3 MILLWAY RISE 2
Perry Street trailed twice against Millway Rise before finally clinching a semi-final with Lyme Regis at the Davey Fort.

Callum Somers gave Rise a sixth minute lead only for Jon Bartlett to equalise soon after.

Somers struck again midway through the half. But Street were back on level terms courtesy of a Matt Morgan strike five minutes before the interval.

The game was finally decided by the Mothers' top-scorer Liam Riste who scored his seventh of the season eight minutes from time.

◆ **UPDATED SEMI-FINAL DRAW:** Lyme Regis v Perry Street, Crewkerne Town v Winsham United (both ties November 17th)

Division One Cup - QF
CREWKERNE TOWN RES 3 BEAMINSTER RES 3

(Beaminster won 4-3 on penalties)
GOALS from Lee Banks, Mike Traynor and Sam Noake saw Crewkerne Town Reserves end all-square with Beaminster Reserves.

The teams were level at 1-1 after 90 minutes.

The Rainbows went on to earn an all-west Dorset semi-final against Netherbury after winning 4-3 on penalties.

John Fowler Cup - QF

THERE were goals aplenty in the John Fowler cup quarter-finals.

There were 11 at Drimpton where the hosts seemed to be heading for the semi-finals as they led Lyme Regis Bantams 5-4 deep into injury-time. But Pete Peacock held nerve to convert a last kick of the game penalty for force extra-time.

And Joe Bond, in his first game of the season following a back injury, netted the winner for the Seaside in the 104th minute.

Earlier George Tuck came off the subs bench to score twice for the Greens.

Over at the Rec Jake Woodard struck four times as Ilminster Town A hammered Chard United Reserves 6-1.

Meanwhile, Warren Gabbidon's 13th goal of the season couldn't save Combe A from a 5-1 defeat at the hands of visiting Millway Rise Reserves.

Winsham United Reserves' goal-laden five game winning run was halted at Hawkchurch United.

The teams were level at 3-3 after 90 minutes and 4-4 after extra-time with Tom Stead scoring twice for the Wins before James Michum kept out Mark Woodley's spot-kick to see the Hawks through to the semi's.

◆ **Updated semi-final draw:** Hawkchurch United v Ilminster Town A, Millway Rise Res v Lyme Regis Bantams (both ties November 24th).

Reg Egton Cup - R1

HAT-TRICKS from Luke Monk and Nigel Jefferies saw Kingsbury Episcopi stack-up their biggest ever PSDL win and earn their first-ever quarter-final after as they crushed Chard Rangers Reserves 8-2 at Jocelyn Park.

In the weekend's other tie James Martin and Cameron Wilson scored the goals which earned Crewkerne Rangers Reserves their place in the last eight after a 2-1 win over Farway United Reserves.

◆ **Updated quarter-final draw:**

Thorncombe Res v Kingsbury Episcopi, Shepton Beau Res v Barrington Res, Forton Res v Uplyme Res, Combe B v Crewkerne Rang Res.

Premier division

BEAMINSTER 4 COMBE RESERVES 3
THERE was a real game of two halves at the Memorial Ground where hosts Beaminster led 4-0 and missed a penalty in the first 45 before finally being pegged back to 4-3 by a plucky Combe side.

An own goal put Beaminster ahead early on and Ross Pickett netted soon after as Sean Annetts' team took control.

Two became three when Ben Ward stabbed home a Josh Baker corner and the Rainbows were cruising.

Murray Legg squandered a great chance to extend that even further when his spot-kick was well saved by Saints' keeper Nathan Bandy.

But the reprieve was only temporary as Pickett leapt well to nod home the goal of the game to make it 4-0.

But the visitors broke their duck through Simon Vincent on the hour and added a second from a Simon Loader free-kick soon afterwards. A Dan O'Connor penalty followed in the 80th minute which made for an uncomfortable last 10 minutes for Annetts and his men.

ILMINSTER RES 2 SHEPTON BEAU 2

ILMINSTER Town Reserves bagged their first point of the season with a 2-2 draw in the local derby at the Rec.

The hosts led through a Taylor Jefferson goal at half-time but Sam Murley squared things up after the restart.

A foul on Murley allowed Kris Hastings to edge Shepton ahead from the penalty spot. Hastings repeated the feat soon after only for referee Lance Turner to rule the 'goal' out for encroachment.

Alex Paul successfully converted the third penalty of the match to earn Ilminster their point.

LYME REGIS 2 CREWKERNE TOWN 0

LYME Regis stretched their lead at the top of the Premier division to four points with a gritty 2-0 win over Crewkerne Town at the Davey Fort. However rivals Winsham United do have two games in-hand.

The visitors had the better of the opening exchanges. Diminutive striker Ed Butcher, in his first game back since dislocating a knee-cap, had a clear-cut penalty shout waved away by referee Nigel Fry.

At the other end Julien Simier rounded off a superb five-man move only for his effort to be ruled out for offside.

Crewkerne, who just about shaded a close first-half went close twice on the cusp of the interval with teenage 'keeper Will Meech doing well to deny Butcher and Dave John.

The second-half began in the same fashion with Meech tipping over a Spurdle effort.

But The Seaside's broke the deadlock in the 53rd minute when Mark Bailey smashed home a fizzing 20 yarder that dipped before flashing past Tigers' keeper Gavin Tett and under the crossbar.

With the game in injury time substitute Joel Gostling guided the ball home from an acute angle after the hard-working Agnelli Fadiga had robbed Tett.

The Seaside's, who have now won

Shepton Beauchamp FC



■ **GOING WELL:** Shepton Beauchamp have made a good start on their return to the Perry Street league premier division after an absence of eight seasons. Line-up, standing, from left: Richard Pippin, Kris Hastings, Ben Pitman, Jonny Spendlow, Dan Smith, Dougie Whitfield (captain), Peter Field, Sam Hodgkinson, Alex Pitman, Anthony Smith (manager). Front: Sam Murley, Will Aplin, Andy Moody, Sam Hawkins, James Green, Theo Heath.

Photo by HOWARD LARCOMBE

their last 14 home games, will have been pleased to have edged past a stubborn Crewkerne side who appear destined for a top four finish.

SOUTH PETHERTON 3 FARWAY UTD 1
SOUTH Petherton recovered from going behind in the second minute to climb three places to fourth after a 3-1 win over lowly Farway United.

A Dave Laramy goal stunned the hosts but they quickly responded the lead 2-1 after just 15 minutes through ex-Sherborne Town Reserves' striker Dan Warr and Danny Rendall.

Warr added a second in the 70th minute to seal the win.

ROUND-UP

TIM Hussey's ninth goal of the season salvaged a point for Pymore in the division two clash with Chard United at Jocelyn Park.

Rob Milson's deflected shot midway through the first-half gave the hosts a lead they held until an aerial collision between the Chard 'keeper and Ricky Anderson allowed Hussey to tap in and left Anderson nursing a neck injury which may keep him out for a while.

Charmouth climb two places to seventh after racking up their biggest win for three and a half years in beating Ilminster Town Colts 6-3.

Jamie Horgan, Luke Paul and Richie Wharton netted for the Colts.

Thorncombe, with new player-manager John Allen at the helm, restricted promotion-chasing Uplyme to a point at Venlake.

A great 20-yarder from Karl Smith found the top corner to give the Thorns the lead at the turnaround. Nick Bazeley and Danny Wiseman scored the others for the visitors.

Meanwhile, a double from Ashley Dodge helped Crewkerne Rangers to a 4-1 win over Chard Rangers Reserves - a result that reaffirms the Rangers' promotion credentials. Chard have now lost their last 14 games on the road.

Down in division four Gary Parsley has stepped down from first team duties at Thorncombe to take-over from Macca Whiteley as Reserve team player-manager.

"Macca has stood down for personal reasons and I want to get playing again," said Parsley who has seen the squad boosted by the return of Simon Cook, Matt Turnbull and John Larcombe - none of whom has played for six seasons.

Larcombe was on target as the Thorns beat Forton Reserves 4-0 to move back to the top of the table.

Finally, Chris Lang scored twice as Barrington Reserves recorded their biggest win for a year in beating basement boys Uplyme Reserves 6-0.

RESULTS - October 27th

Coronation Cup - QF

Perry Street 3 Millway Rise 2

Division One Cup - QF

Crewkerne Res 3 Beaminster Rs 3

(Beaminster won 4-3 on pens)

Netherbury 2 Lyme Regis Res 0

Forton Rangers 0 Misterton 2

John Fowler Cup - QF

Combe A 1 Millway Rise Res 5

Drimpton 5 Lyme Bantams 6 (aet)

Hawkchurch 4 Winsham Res 4

(Hawkchurch won 5-4 on pens)

Ilminster A 6 Chard United Res 1

Reg Egton Cup - R1

Chard Rangers Res 2 Kingsbury 8

Crewkerne Rang Res 2 Farway Res 1

Premier

Beaminster 4 Combe Res 3

Ilminster Res 2 Shepton Beau 2

Lyme Regis 2 Crewkerne Town 0

South Petherton 3 Farway Utd 1

Division Two

Chard Utd 1 Pymore 1

Charmouth 6 Ilminster Colts 3

Crewkerne Rang 4 Chard Rang 1

Uplyme 3 Thorncombe 3

Division Four

Barrington Res 6 Uplyme Res 0

Thorncombe Res 4 Forton Res 0

PREVIEW

THORNCOMBE will attempt to reach the last eight of the **Dorset Junior cup** when they visit Yeovil & District League division one strugglers Normallair RSL Reserves.

In the **Division One cup** favourites Misterton await the winners of the quarter-final at Tatworth between Perry Street Reserves and Barrington.

Back in the league Winsham United put their 100 per cent league record on the line against newly-promoted Shepton Beauchamp with Shepton's Sam Murley hunting his 100th PSDL goal.

Ilminster Reserves will look to gain their first away league win in almost a year when they visit Beaminster.

Combe Reserves will be out to avenge the recent 5-0 Coronation cup quarter-final defeat when they entertain reigning champions Lyme Regis.

Don't write-off the Saints who, with their first team inactive, look certain to name a bolstered line-up. Finally, the match at Tatworth looks too close to call with Perry Street entertaining Crewkerne Town.

Finally, tenants Chard Rangers and Chard United go head-to-head in the local derby at Jocelyn Park.

The rivals last met up in division one back in 2008-09 when Rangers did the double (6-1, 4-0) and United were relegated.

Form points to a different outcome tomorrow.

Down in division four, Shepton Reserves, despite being docked three points for fielding an ineligible player, could return to top spot with victory at Farway tomorrow.

FIXTURES - November 3rd

Dorset Junior R2 (1.30pm ko)

Charmouth v Farneddown Sports

Lyme Regis Res v Bradford Abbas

Normalair RSL v Thorncombe

Owermoigne v Netherbury

Devon Intermediate Cup R3

Armore Argyle v Farway United

Morchard Bishop v Millway Rise

Division One Cup R1

Perry Street Reserves v Barrington

Premier (2.30pm ko)

Beaminster v Ilminster Town Res

Combe Res v Lyme Regis

Crewkerne Town v Perry Street

Winsham Utd v Shepton Beau

Division One

Misterton v Crewkerne Reserves

S. Petherton Res v Forton Rangers

Division Two

Chard Rangers v Chard United

Dowlish v Crewkerne Rangers

Pymore v Ilminster Town Colts

Waytown Hounds v Uplyme

Division Three

Chard Utd Res v Combe A

Hawkchurch Utd v Hinton

Ilminster A v Winsham Reserves

Luso-Chard v Misterton Reserves

Millway Rise Reserves v Drimpton

Division Four

Barrington Res v Kingsbury Episc

Combe B v Chard Rangers Res

Farway Res v Shepton Beau Res

Uplyme Res v Crewk Rangers Res

PSDL LEAGUE

PREMIER	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Lyme Regis	5	1	0	15	16	
Winsham United	4	0	0	9	12	
Beaminster	3	2	1	2	11	
South Petherton	3	0	4	5	9	
Shepton Beau	2	2	1	1	8	
Millway Rise	2	0	1	1	6	
Crewkerne Town	2	0	3	0	6	
Combe Reserves	1	2	3	1	5	
Perry Street	1	2	2	1	5	
Ilminster Town Res	0	1	3	9	1	
Farway United	0	0	5	12	0	

DIV 1	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Netherbury	6	5	1	0	18	16
W & M Chinnock	6	5	0	1	10	15
Misterton	6	4	2	0	14	14
Forton Rangers	5	4	0	1	8	12
Barrington	6	3	0	3	0	9
Crewkerne Town Res	7	2	0	5	-5	6
Beaminster Res	8	1	1	6	-12	4
S. Petherton Res	4	1	0	3	-10	3
Lyme Regis Res	4	0	2	2	-7	2
Perry Street Res	6	0	2	4	-16	2

DIV 2	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Dowlish & Donyatt	7	5	0	2	10	15
Uplyme	6	3	3	0	13	12
Crewkerne Rangers	5	4	0	1	6	12
Chard United	6	3	2	1	10	11
Pymore	6	3	1	2	11	10
Thorncombe	6	2	1	3	-5	7
Charmouth	6	2	1	3	-9	7
Waytown Hounds	7	2	1	4	-16	7
Ilminster Colts	6	1	1	4	-4	4
Chard Rangers	7	1	0	6	-16	3

DIV 3	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Luso-Chard	7	6	1	0	20	16
Winsham Utd Res	7	5	0	2	16	15
Drimpton	5	3	2	0	9	11
Millway Rise Res	6	3	1	2	17	10
Combe A	6	3	1	2	11	10
Ilminster Town A	6	3	1	2	10	10
Hawkchurch	5	2	1	2	-1	7
Lyme Bantams	6	1	2	3	-5	5
Hinton St George	6	2	3	1	-7	5
Chard Utd Res	6	0	1	5	-28	2*
Misterton Res	6	0	1	5	-38	0

DIV 4	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Thorncombe Res	7	5	2	0	24	14*
Shepton Reserves	6	5	1	0	16	13*
Combe B	7	4	1	2	3	13
Forton Reserves	8	4	0	4	-3	12
Barrington Res	7	3	2	2	5	11
Kingsbury Episcopi	6	3	0	3	7	9
Farway United Res	5	2	1	2	-5	7
Crewkerne Reserves	5	1	1	3	-1	4
Uplyme Res	6	0	1	5	-22	1
Chard Rangers Res	7	0	1	6	-24	1

* = points adjusted

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